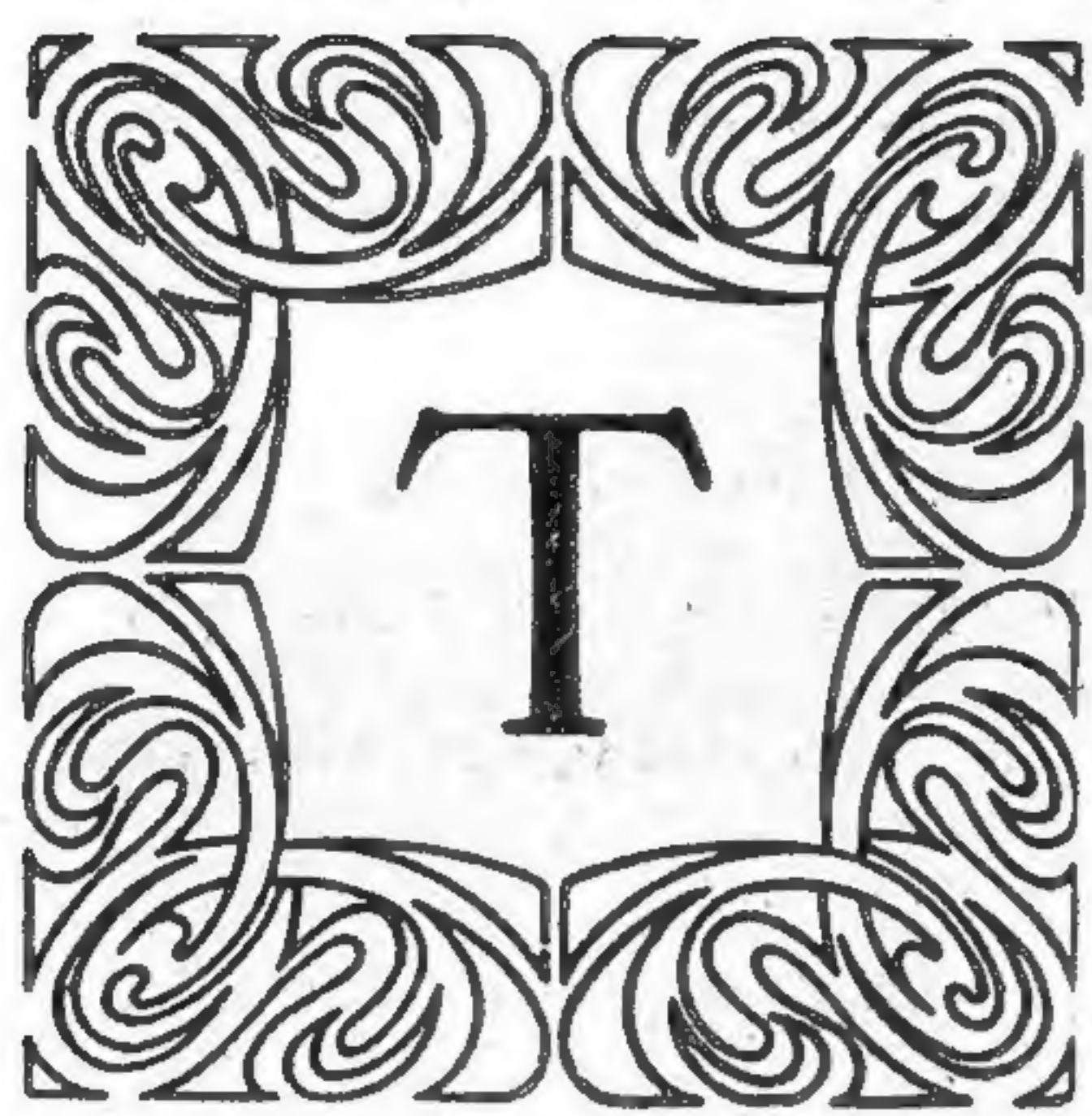


GENERAL VIEW OF THE JEWETT COVERED TRACK AND BUILDINGS AT EAST AURORA, N. Y.

JEWETT FARM



THE property of Henry C. Jewett, lying on the banks of the Cazenovia Creek about a mile and a half west of East Aurora, played a part in the evolution of the American trotting horse that forms an important chapter in the history of this strictly American breed of horses, whose speed at the trotting and pacing gait is the wonder of the world. Mr. Jewett was an enthusiastic student of the breeding problem, as connected with the American trotter and, after securing the nucleus for a breeding stud, he purchased a part of what afterward became the famous Jewett Farm, and it was there that one of the greatest breeding farms of its time was founded, this being early in the seventies.

From time to time additional land was purchased until the farm contained something like nine hundred acres, and in connection with it a farm of more than five thousand acres was operated in Southern Kansas.

The purchase of the then noted trotting stallion, Jerome Eddy, 2:16½, by Mr. Jewett, who paid \$25,000 for him, was an epoch-making event in the winter of 1882, when that famous stallion was added to the Jewett Farm stud, and gave Mr. Jewett's breeding venture world-wide notice. Mr. Jewett was also one of the first breeders to recognize the greatness of the family of the trotting stallion, George Wilkes, 2:22, a family that now overshadows all others, and at one time he owned five highly-bred sons of that horse. One of those sons, Patchen Wilkes, 2:29½, sired one of the most noted campaigners of any time, Joe Patchen, 2:01¼, and this horse gave to the turf Dan Patch, 1:55¼, whose record is still the fastest ever made by a trotter or pacer.

To facilitate the development of speed regardless of weather conditions, Mr. Jewett constructed a full mile covered track. This was about in 1893 and that colossal building still remains, the only one of its kind ever constructed. Trainers from all parts of the country have taken advantage of it to train their trotters and pacers during the winter months for their summer campaigns, and many of the successful race horses of the different years during the past two decades were conditioned over this famous winter training ground.

Desiring to drop the cares which such an immense breeding stud imposed upon him, Mr. Jewett dispersed the band of highly-bred mares and famous stallions some years ago, but their descendants are still helping to make turf history on the race tracks of the country.

Hundreds of visitors annually make the pleasant drive from East Aurora to the Jewett Farm to see the only mile covered training track in the world and the big barns which once sheltered a famous stud of horses and which in size and completeness have few equals in the United States.